

PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RADIOFREQUENCY SIGNAL RECEIVER WITH CONTROL MEANS FOR THE
CHANNELS TO BE CONTROLLED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the
following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A receiver according to claim 1, wherein, after reading the data from the
selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read
confirmation signal to said channel in order to cancel the interruption caused by this channel and
to select the next channel with the highest priority which has transmitted an interruption signal.

Please add new claim 7 as follows:

7. (New) A receiver according to claim 2, wherein, after reading the data from the
selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read

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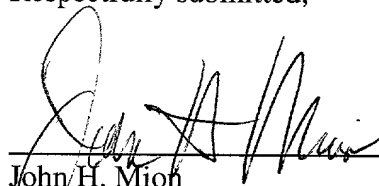
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REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 3, and to add new dependent claim 7 to recapture the combination lost by the amendment to claim 3, and to avoid a multiple dependent claim fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A receiver according to ~~one of claims 1 and 2~~claim 1, wherein, after reading the data from the selected channel placed in the virtual channel, the microprocessor means transmit a read confirmation signal to said channel in order to cancel the interruption caused by this channel and to select the next channel with the highest priority which has transmitted an interruption signal.

Please add new claim 7.